PUBLIC NOTICE

Issue Date:
Expiration Date:

US Army Corps
of Engineers

60 DAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Omaha District

Regulatory Branch

106 S. 15th Street

March 8, 2002

May 7, 2002

Omaha, Nebraska 68102

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ANNOUNCING PROCESS OF UPDATING APPENDIX C

On January 11, 2001, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation issued a Final Rule on the implementation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In response, the Corps of Engineers, which currently utilizes Appendix C to 33 CFR Part 325, published a notice in Part III of the <u>Federal Register</u> announcing the start of a coordinated procedure to identify changes which need to be made in its permit process to comply with the NHPA and other laws dealing with historic properties.

The <u>Federal Register</u> notice also describes examples of differences between the new ACHP regulations and Appendix C, and the process and schedule for coordinating with State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, professional archeologists and interested parties. In the meantime, the Corps has issued Interim Guidance to its districts and divisions, however, this guidance may change after this coordination effort is completed.

Concurrent with the March 8, 2002 <u>Federal Register</u> notice, the Omaha District has issued a Public Notice to interested parties from its mailing list. Each Corps District will be the point of contact for coordination with the tribes and interested parties but all comments should be sent directly to Ms. Meg Smith, CEIWR-PD, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315. All comments must be submitted in writing by May 7, 2002. Further information may be obtained from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Home Page at: http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/ce/cecwo/reg/citizen.htm. Interested parties who do not have Internet access can contact Ms. Meg Smith at (703)-428-6303 for a copy of the announcement.